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**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 4:43 PM  
**To:** PortlandHarbor  
**Subject:** FW: Portland Harbor Clean Up

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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

**Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016.**  
**Thank you!**



**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 9:25 AM

**To:** HarborComments

**Cc:** Mayor Charlie Hales ; Commissioner Nick Fish ; Commissioner Steve Novick ; Commissioner Amanda Fritz ; Commissioner Dan Saltzman

**Subject:** Portland Harbor Clean Up

July 14, 2016

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Re: Portland Harbor Clean-Up

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's cleanup plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. We support a river cleanup that protects the health of Portlanders and the environment and is done cost-effectively. As proposed, the EPA's plan is more expensive and intrusive than other alternatives that achieve the same or a greater level of environmental benefit. The path being followed by Region 10 is unlikely to result in an agreed settlement and is more likely to result in years of litigation.

We are concerned about the ultimate cost of cleanup and ensuring that the true costs and benefits are transparent to Portlanders. We believe some of EPA's cost assumptions are overly optimistic and resulted in a final price tag that is not accurate. We urge the EPA to review their assumptions and cost figures in order to help educate Portlanders about the costs of cleanup. The cleanup of the Portland Harbor arrives at a time when our city is growing and facing many critical affordability issues.

We believe the cleanup of the Willamette River offers opportunities for the future of our region. We are hopeful the final cleanup decision provides certainty for future investments in the Portland Harbor. We also believe the final decision needs to provide certainty of cost for Portland residents who will ultimately be paying some of these cleanup costs.

The Portland Harbor Superfund site is very large and we understand the risks are not the same across the site. We encourage EPA to prioritize cleaning up the most contaminated locations first and giving parties' flexibility to move forward quickly. The opportunities presented by cleanup are only realized if this moves forward soon.

A successful remedial plan will, in our view, do the following:

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Will use the most modern and up-to-date scientific data available

ô °€ Will be based on sound science and peer-reviewed best practices

ô °€ Will be sustainable for people, for the environment, and for the economy

ô °€ Will not unduly burden consumers, ratepayers, and taxpayers

ô °€ Will not lead to further delays due to ongoing lawsuits and legal proceedings

Respectfully yours,

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President

Clackamas County Business Alliance

Sincerely,

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